



SCR/ek4 5/24/2018

FILED

05/24/18
09:41 AM

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company Proposing Cost of Service and Rates for Gas Transmission and Storage Services for the Period 2019-2021. (U39G)

Application 17-11-009

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING NOTICING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS AND SETTING PARTY REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION SESSIONS

This ruling sets the schedule for Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) and Information Sessions to provide an opportunity for customers of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to communicate directly with the Commission, PG&E, and others regarding PG&E's application in this proceeding.

This ruling also notifies parties that the Commission is conducting a pilot of a new initiative to provide proceeding-related educational materials to customers at Information Sessions at each venue, immediately prior to the PPH. This proceeding is part of that pilot.

PPHs are formal hearings at which members of the public may provide their comments on PG&E's Application. An Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) presides over the hearing and the comments are recorded by a court reporter. The transcript from the PPH is part of the record of the proceeding and is provided to all Commissioners.

The Information Session preceding the PPH will be different. The Information Session will consist of tables staffed by the Commission's Public Advisor's Office, PG&E, and other formal parties to the proceeding. The Information Session is an opportunity for ratepayers to learn more about the

Commission and how it will evaluate and reach a decision on PG&E's request in this proceeding. The Information Session is not part of the record of the proceeding.

Information Session Format

The Public Advisor's Office will provide pamphlets regarding participation in Commission proceedings, a fact sheet about PG&E's Application, and information on how customers may stay updated on the proceeding. The Public Advisor's Office is responsible for organizing and running the Information Session. Any logistical questions or requests should be directed to the Public Advisor's Office as follows:

Allison Brown, Public Advisor, allison.brown@cpuc.ca.gov.

PG&E is directed to staff a table at each Information Session with materials regarding the relief requested in the Application, a knowledgeable representative who can answer questions about the Application, and customer service representatives to answer customer questions about their accounts and bills. If tables or other resources are not available at a particular venue, the Public Advisor's Office will direct PG&E to bring the resources necessary to facilitate the Information Session.

The Commission's independent Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) is encouraged, but not required, to staff a table with its own information materials. ORA is directed to contact the Public Advisor's Office at least 2 weeks prior to each Information Session to confirm whether or not ORA will staff an information table.

Any other formal party in this proceeding that is interested in staffing an information table at an Information Session is directed to contact the Public Advisor's Office at least 2 weeks prior to the Information Session.

Accommodations for parties will depend on the availability of space and resources and may differ depending on the venue.

Public Participation Hearing Format

Following the Information Sessions, each PPH will start with presentations from Commission staff or the ALJ regarding (a) participation in Commission proceedings and (b) the Application under consideration in this proceeding. It is anticipated that the Administrative Law Judge or the Public Advisor's Office will present the information about participation and that staff from the Commission's Energy Division will give the presentation summarizing PG&E's Application. If PG&E or other active parties in this proceeding wish to present brief remarks – not exceeding five minutes each – at the beginning of the PPH they should inform the assigned Administrative Law Judge and Public Advisor's Office no later than June 20, 2018.

Schedule and Public Notice Requirements

The dates and locations for the PPHs and Information Sessions are hereby scheduled, as set forth in the table below.

Date and City	Hearing Location	Times
June 26, 2018 Sacramento	California Energy Commission Hearing Room 1516 9 th Street Sacramento, CA 95814	Information Session: 1:00 p.m. Public Participation Hearing: 2:00 p.m.
		Information Session: 6:00 p.m. Public Participation Hearing: 7:00 p.m.
June 27, 2018 Fresno	Fresno City Hall – Council Chambers 2600 Fresno St. Fresno, CA 93721	Information Session: 1:00 p.m. Public Participation Hearing: 2:00 p.m.
		Information Session: 6:00 p.m. Public Participation Hearing: 7:00 p.m.
June 28, 2018 Bakersfield	Bakersfield City Hall – Council Chambers 1600 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301	Information Session: 1:00 p.m. Public Participation Hearing: 2:00 p.m.
		Information Session: 5:00 p.m. Public Participation Hearing: 6:00 p.m.
July 10, 2018 Chico	Manzanita Place at Elks Lodge – Room 3 1705 Manzanita Ave., Chico, CA 95926	Information Session: 1:00 p.m. Public Participation Hearing: 2:00 p.m.
		Information Session: 6:00 p.m. Public Participation Hearing: 7:00 p.m.
July 11, 2018 San Francisco	California Public Utilities Commission Auditorium 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102	Information Session: 1:00 p.m. Public Participation Hearing: 2:00 p.m.
		Information Session: 6:00 p.m. Public Participation Hearing: 7:00 p.m.
July 16, 2018 San Jose	Scottish Rite Center 2455 Masonic Drive San Jose, CA 95125	Information Session: 1:00 p.m. Public Participation Hearing: 2:00 p.m.
		Information Session: 6:00 p.m. Public Participation Hearing: 7:00 p.m.
July 17, 2018 Oakland	Elihu M. Harris Building – Room 1 1515 Clay Street Oakland, CA 94612	Information Session: 1:00 p.m. Public Participation Hearing: 2:00 p.m.
		Information Session: 6:00 p.m. Public Participation Hearing: 7:00 p.m.

PG&E shall provide public notice of the PPHs in accordance with the ordering paragraphs below. The notice shall describe the Information Session for these PPHs as follows:

At each PPH location there may also be public information sessions beginning an hour before the times shown below. See www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph to find out if the PPH you are interested in attending will have informational tables. At these sessions, there will be information tables staffed by the Public Advisors Office, PG&E, and other groups participating in the proceedings. These groups are called "parties" to the proceeding, and they advocate for different perspectives such as small businesses, agricultural customers and residential customers.

IT IS RULED that:

1. A series of Public Participation Hearings and Information Sessions for Application 17-11-009 will be held in the service territory of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and are scheduled as set forth above.
2. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) shall prepare a single bill insert notice informing its customers of the Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) and Information Sessions. The notice shall provide language to inform PG&E's customers about the PPHs and Information Sessions, the purpose of the PPHs and Information Sessions, a summary of the relief that PG&E is requesting in the proceeding, and the date, time, and location of all the PPHs and Information Sessions.
3. Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall, to the extent feasible, include the bill insert notice in the monthly bills of all of its customers in advance of the start of the Public Participation Hearings. To the extent that any customers are billed electronically via the Internet, notice to those customers may be given electronically.

4. For each Public Participation Hearing (PPH), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) shall also cause the approved notice to be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in PG&E's general service area where the PPH will be held for at least five days before the scheduled PPH. PG&E shall also prominently post a notice of the PPH and Information Sessions in all of its offices in which PG&E's customers come into contact with PG&E's customer service representatives.

5. Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall provide the Public Advisor's Office, not later than five days prior to the Public Participation Hearing, a letter verifying that it has complied with the customer notice requirement. The compliance letter shall state the date(s) notices were sent to customers and the approximate number of customers so notified. One copy of the actual notice shall be attached. The compliance letter shall also provide the dates and locations of publication and posting.

6. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) shall have a customer service representative in attendance at each Public Participation Hearing (PPH) and Information Session to answer any billing or service questions that individual customers may have. Employee(s) and customer service representative(s) knowledgeable about the instant Application must be available during all Information Sessions and all PPHs.

7. The Commission's Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) shall contact the Public Advisor's Office at least 2 weeks prior to each Information Session to confirm whether or not ORA will staff an information table.

8. Parties to this proceeding that are interested in staffing a table at an Information Session must contact the Public Advisor's Office no later than two weeks before the Information Session.

9. If Pacific Gas and Electric Company or other active parties to this proceeding wish to present a brief summary – not exceeding five minutes each – of their position at the beginning of the Public Participation Hearings they should inform the assigned Administrative Law Judge and Public Advisor’s Office no later than June 18, 2018.

Dated May 24, 2018, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ STEPHEN C. ROSCOW

Stephen C. Roscow
Administrative Law Judge